4	Sixth Plan	45.50	926.01
5	Seventh Plan	88.63	2426.63
6	1990-91 (Annual Plan)	13.87	627.79
7	1991-92 (Annual Plan)	17.25	705.72
8	Eighth Plan	79.50	3686.40
9	Ninth Plan		6300.16**
	1997-98	14.82	
	1998-99	15.74	

**Outlay approved to the States for the forestry sector for the 9th Plan Period by the Planning Commission (excluding Jammu and Kashmir).

Person killed by domesticated antelope in Bhopal

†942. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that an antelope domesticated by a person in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh had killed a worker engaged there;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any criminal case has been registered in this regard, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the reports received from the Madhya Pradesh Government two Chitals, one male and other female were kept in the Campus of Korwak Kothi, Bhopal. Permission of ownership was granted by the Chief Wildlife Warden for the one male Chital. The other female Chital was held in captivity without permission. A case has been

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

registered under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Since it was a Schedule III animal, the case was compounded after an imposition of penalty of Rs. 2000/-.

Expenditure on/Income from Forests

943. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative annual expenditure on and income from forests of the country and of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal, for the period from 1st April, 1970 to 31st March, 1999;

(b) how much forest areas of the country and of the above States got reduced during this period;

(c) what is the justification for making such heavy investment in the forest sector, in view of the reduction in forest area, the comparative income and expenditure from it; and

(d) whether Government would consider alternative investment policy in regard to forests and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The details of annual expenditure and income from forests are not compiled in this Ministry and these are maintained by the respective State Governments.

(b) The Forest Survey of India, Dehradun has been assessing the forest resources of the country on a periodic basis since 1987. The Recorded forest area of the country as per State of Forest Report, 1987 was 751,846 sq. km whereas it is 765,210 sq. km. as per State of Forest Report, 1997. However the forest cover of the country has decreased from 640,819 sq. km as per 1987 assessment to 633,379 sq.